City of Davis
Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)
Agenda
Davis Senior Center, Valente Room (646 A Street)
January 11, 2018
4:45 p.m.

Commission Members: Frances Andrews, Earl Bossard, Ryan Dodge, Todd Edelman, Daniel Fuchs (Vice Chair), Eric Gudz, George Hague, Mike Mitchell (Chair), Jon Watterson

Council Liaisons: Brett Lee, Robb Davis (alternate)

Staff: Brian Mickelson, Assistant City Engineer / Transportation Manager
Brian Abbanat, Senior Transportation Planner

Absent: Councilmembers Lee and Davis

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
Meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve agenda (Watterson, Gudz)
Motion carries unanimously.

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons
   A. Bicycle / Pedestrian Program & Safe Routes to School Program Updates
   Jennifer Donofrio, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Coordinator gave an update on the Bike Link electronic lockers at the Amtrak Station. Provided data with 89 discrete users. She also updated the commission that the Safe Routes to School program has scheduled 13 bike safety assemblies through the Bay Area Children’s Theater.

   B. Council Liaison(s) Announcements
   No announcements, both councilmembers absent.

4. Public Comment
No public comment.

5. Consent Calendar
   A. Draft Minutes: December 14, 2017
   Motion to approve minutes (Dodge, Watterson)
Motion carries unanimously.

6. Regular Items

A. Traffic Enforcement Strategic Plan

Note: This item followed Agenda Item #6B.

Police Lieutenant Michael Munoz introduced himself and reviewed the fourteen objectives of the Traffic Enforcement Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Bossard inquired about Driving Under the Influence with marijuana and whether the Police Department is aware of communities experimenting with different physical detection devices.

Lieutenant Munoz responded they are aware of this, but the PD isn’t currently using them. DEA officers give some training on the topic.

Commissioner Gudz commented that some states are experimenting with blood testing but the best thing at this point may be field sobriety testing as marijuana is metabolized and affects individuals quite differently.

Lieutenant Munoz agreed that there is no magic threshold right now such as .08 BAC. PD has to prove being “under the influence”.

Commissioner Hague inquired about disabled parking enforcement as he has never seen a citation given.

Lieutenant Munoz responded there are some restrictions on this but parking enforcement officers can look more closely for violations on their routes.

Brian Abbanat added that parking enforcement officers are typically enforcing downtown and residential parking areas, which don’t have a significant amount of designated disabled parking spaces. So you won’t see them at, for example, neighborhood shopping centers.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired about traffic safety curriculum for junior high school kids.

Lieutenant Munoz responded that it is difficult to formalize this with the school district.

B. West Davis Active Adult Community

Katherine Hess introduced the project, summarized prior BTSSC discussion:

- Street widths weren’t compliant with street standards, to which the applicant is now agreeing.
- Paths are not “greenbelts” as defined in City planning documents.
- Connectivity, particularly across Covell was lacking.

Dave Taormino stated:

- They are willing to comply with the street design standards if held harmless for injury and damage.
The project is designed for the vast majority of residents. Paths are designed to invite people to walk.

Does not feel the proposed development is more disconnected than other developments north of Covell Blvd.

Commissioner Gudz inquired if the developers explored other types of transportation options, such as shuttles or paratransit.

Jason Taormino responded the high density apartments and accompanying street network are set up to facilitate such types of service.

Commissioner Gudz followed up by stating transit stop improvements should come on line with the project’s first phase.

Jason Taormino responded they are providing baseline assumptions for a Measure R vote. After the vote, they can get into more detail.

Katherine Hess stated that adding services and other details after the vote is reasonable.

Commissioner Hague commented the development should be better connected to adjacent activity centers such as Sutter Hospital and the Marketplace.

Commissioner Edelman stated that the project does not create meaningful connectivity to destinations outside the development.

Commissioner Bossard commented the internal bike paths need to be wider to accommodate trikes. Also, a connection cross to John Jones Drive.

Jason Taormino responded the project does include a land dedication for a future Hwy 113 crossing.

Commissioner Watterson commented a good east/west connection and connectivity across Covell Blvd to existing greenbelt is needed.

Commissioner Andrews supports narrower streets and wider paths. Cited connectivity challenges at Rancho Yolo. Stated Covell frontage to Hwy 113 needs to be improved.

Commissioner Fuchs agreed internal paths should be wide enough to fit trikes. Stated connectivity issues were huge one year ago and nothing has been addressed. Cannot support project without addressing connectivity.

Commissioner Dodge commented that narrow streets and wider paths are better for active neighborhoods. Alleyway system is preferred.

Commissioner Mitchell stated that if the project is for active adults, then better connectivity is needed. Consistency with street standards is important. Noted there is no clear non-motorized north/south route through the neighborhood. Disappointed in lack of transit hub. Project should be built out for future transit service.
Jason Taormino responded that there are two options for addressing transit hub request: 1) Using the activity and wellness center, and 2) Fully utilizing the existing street setup which is designed to accommodate transit.

Commissioner Mitchell followed up by stating the project needs to remove all free-right turns at Risling Court. Look to the East Covell Corridor Plan as examples.

Commissioner Bossard suggested the transit hub might be better located at Sutter Hospital. Recommended grade-separated crossing, possibly east of Shasta.

Katherine Hess summarized the commission comments and supported via general consensus:
- Project should comply with street design standards.
- Internal paths should be wider, consistent with City multi-use path standards.
- Project should include wider peripheral paths.
- Project should eliminate free-right turns at Covell & Risling.
- A north/south grade separated connection across Covell is needed.
- Project should include connectivity to John Jones Rd & landing for future Hwy 113 crossing.

Motion (Dodge, Bossard): BTSSC designates the Chair to speak on behalf of the commission at public meetings regarding this project.

Motion carries unanimously

C. Traffic Calming Program Recommendations

This item was postponed to the next BTSSC meeting.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar

Commissioner Edelman suggested establishing an ad hoc committee to track and advise on the Caltrans I-80 High Occupancy Lane Study.

Brian Abbanat responded that establishing subcommittees is on the long range calendar for the February meeting.

A. Subcommittee Reports / Reports On Meetings Attended / Inter-jurisdictional Bodies / Inter-Commission Liaisons / etc.

No comments

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Fuchs, Dodge)

Motion carries unanimously, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.